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Comments

[NOTE: All citations to “Manual” in the comments below are to the Administrative Rules Procedures Manual, prepared by the Revisor of Statutes Bureau and the Legislative Council Staff, dated October 1994.]

2. Form, Style and Placement in Administrative Code

- a. In s. NR 300.01, “This chapter is” should replace “These rules are.”
- b. In s. NR 300.03, “In this chapter:” should be inserted before sub. (1).
- c. Section NR 300.04 (4) (intro.) should be drafted as introductory text. For example, “within the time limits in pars. (a) and (b)” could be deleted and “within the following time limits:” could be inserted in place of the period at the end of the sentence.

5. Clarity, Grammar, Punctuation and Use of Plain Language

- a. In s. NR 300.03 (8), the comma between “30” and “31” should be replaced with “or”. Also, “employee” should be spelled “employe.”
- b. In s. NR 300.03 (9), “ss.” should be inserted before “31.02 to 31.38.”
- c. In s. NR 300.04 (3), a definition of “timely” may be helpful.
- d. In s. NR 300.04 (4) (a) and (b), the colons should be replaced with commas.
- e. In s. NR 300.05 (1), “; its transcription if necessary” should be replaced with “and shall include a transcription of the hearing, if necessary.”

f. In s. NR 300.05 (2), it is not clear what “that it will not process after the fact permits or approvals” means.

g. In s. NR 300.05 (3) (intro.), “either” should be replaced with “any of the following.” Also, the subsequent paragraphs should end with periods.

h. In s. NR 300.05 (3) (d), “where” should be replaced with “if.”

i. In s. NR 300.05 (4), “When” should be replaced with “If.”

j. Section NR 300.06 (2) does not cover permits or approvals with an estimated time of exactly three hours or exactly nine hours. This could be corrected by substituting: (1) “3 hours or less” for “less than 3 hours” in par. (a); and (2) “not more than 9 hours” for “but less than 9 hours” in par. (b).

k. In s. NR 300.06 (3), the introductory paragraph does not introduce the material in par. (b). The subsection would be clearer if pars. (a) and (b) were combined with the introductory paragraph.